

TENANTS WINNERS IN FIGHT

ST. SIDE LANDLORDS MAKE REDUCTIONS IN NEW YORK.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The systematic campaign for lower rents by thousands of tenants on the lower East Side began to show material results today when many landlords announced they were ready to make reductions. Some of the landlords offered a compromise proposition, but the main tenants are holding out for a material reduction. The United Hebrew Charities Association tonight announced that it would send \$7000 tomorrow to aid in the measure the army of unemployed people to pay their rents. The work of organizing the tenements goes on unceasingly. It is stated at the headquarters of the tenants' organization that 600 big tenement houses already organized to demand lower rents when the collectors call tomorrow. Several labor organizations indicated their intention of aiding the tenants.

GEORGIA BALKS AT DRY NEW YEAR

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—A bill introduced in the United States Circuit Court tonight asking that the Georgia law be declared unconstitutional. Judge Norman has taken the matter under consideration and will render his decision tomorrow. It was at first believed that a temporary injunction would be asked, but the lawyers handling the case decided not to do this, consequently Georgia will go dry tonight without interference from the court.

CORPORATION TAX IN CALIFORNIA

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 31.—Secretary of State Charles Curry has just completed his report of the business transacted by his office during the last year. The records compiled show that the receipts for 1907 were larger for the main office corporation license tax department and automobile department than they were in 1906. There are 14,005 automobiles in the holding the right to operate in California. During 1906, 2831 corporations filed articles with Secretary Curry. Last year, 31,007 did so. The sum of \$928,864.35 was collected this year by the main office in filing fees. Last year \$529,417.00 was collected. There are 14,005 automobiles in the State. During the last year there were 75,024 chauffeur badges issued.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED.

(By Associated Press.)
MINNAPOLI, O., Dec. 31.—Ed Mitchell and William Hay were appointed receivers of the Winona Lumber Company, one of the largest lumber firms in Minnesota. The assets of the firm are \$100,000. Liabilities \$750,000. The firm is fully solvent, it is said. Financial stringency and pressure factors are given as cause for failure.

TEACHERS IN COUNCIL.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN CRUZ, Dec. 31.—The State Teachers Association held its opening session this afternoon. Following brief address by the president association, Hon. Jas. Hughes, director of schools of Toronto, Canada, a lengthy address. The board of having cleared, the board of has arranged an excursion to the mountains tomorrow.

pay shoot in the Gold Reef by at Gold Run has widened by four feet and is increasing.

JOINS BROWN AND BARNETT

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—James Treadwell, director of the suspended California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, who was indicted yesterday by the Grand Jury, charged with embezzlement, surrendered himself to the sheriff this evening and was taken to the county jail, being unable to furnish the necessary \$50,000 cash bail, or \$100,000 bonds. As tomorrow is a holiday, Treadwell will be compelled to spend the day in jail.

STOLE TO FEED HIS CHILDREN

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—John J. Healy, for twenty years an employee of the Chicago postoffice and the father of ten children, was arrested yesterday for the theft of a letter containing \$4.
"I didn't make enough to take care of my family," said Healy, as he was being led away to jail. "I took it from them."
When the inspectors reached the Healy home last night there was no coal in the stove and the place was damp and chilly. There was so little food that if the ten children had all asked for some there would not have been enough to go around. Their clothing was old and worn. Postmaster Campbell ordered the bureau of charities notified.
Healy was unable to furnish bonds and was lodged in the county jail.
Healy has been receiving \$1100 a year. He is 48 years old.

RAILROAD MEN NOT TO STRIKE

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—"There will be no strike of Eastern railroad men as a result of the wage conference now in session here," said P. H. Morrissey, grand master of the Order of Railway Trainmen, speaking on behalf of the hundred thousand employees of Eastern roads represented here.
"Conductors and trainmen have been voting on certain working conditions and wage increases and not one line in the proposition refers to a strike," continued Morrissey. "Conductors and trainmen on the Eastern roads are deciding to do just what has been done by railroad men in the West. There is nothing alarming in the situation."
These statements were corroborated by A. B. Garretson and a committee of the trainmen and conductors. Should the propositions carry they will be presented to the railroad managers when the general officers of the unions believe the time is opportune. The present financial situation, it is said, will have considerable influence in deciding the date for submitting the requests.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR THESE MEN

(By Associated Press.)
JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 31.—After being shut down since December 22d, the Joliet plant of the Illinois Steel Company will resume operations tomorrow morning. About 2500 men will be called back to work.

FURNITURE LOST.

(Special to the Bonanza.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Office furniture valued at \$600,000 was burned tonight in a five-story brick building at 25 and 27 South street, used as a warehouse and shipping office by the Derby Desk Company.

BANKS WILL GET BUSY.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The California State Bank Commissioners today mailed notices to the State banks, with blanks asking for statements of their financial condition at the close of business on Saturday, December 28, 1907.

GOOD WORDS FOR RUSSIA'S OLD WAR DOG

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—The courtmartial of Lieutenant General Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese, entered its final stage today. Several witnesses testified to the indignation with which the proposal to capitulate was received by the council of war, but certain officers from the firing line gave contradictory evidence and intimated that the boldest counsel against the surrender was given by those who were stationed furthest from the enemy. The troops were dispirited, sick almost to a man from scurvy, and it was declared that if capitulation had been delayed the fortress would have fallen before the vigorous attack of the Japanese.

Nine Men Killed in Mine in New Mexico

(By Associated Press.)
ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 31.—At least nine miners were killed and three fatally, and two seriously injured in an explosion of gas and coal dust at noon today in the Bernal mine at Carthage, Socorro county, New Mexico, one of three large coal mines owned by the Carthage Fuel Company. Nine dead bodies were taken out, although the mine is still filled with gas. It is believed that no more victims remain in the workings. All the dead were apparently killed instantly, and some of the bodies were mangled beyond recognition.

Better Tone Marks Close of the Year

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The stock exchange today saw the expiration of the year 1907 without regret, but with some attempt at cheerful expectations for the coming year. The principal incentive to an early advance in prices came from abroad, where there was quite a widespread feeling of encouragement over the prospect for quick improvement in the banking situation after the turn of the year. There was a pronounced recession in the private discount rate in London and consequent assumptions that the Bank of England official rate would come down on Thursday. Bonds were strong.

Los Angeles Police Have Black Hand Case

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Police here tonight are investigating what is believed to be a black hand murder. John Bentivazna, a barber, was shot this evening through the window of his shop at 2205 East Ninth street, in the heart of the Italian colony. He died on the operating table at the Receiving Hospital an hour later, without regaining consciousness. In the dead man's pocket was found a threatening letter mailed in this city, which contained reference to a quarrel in New York City. In the letter was a rudely drawn sketch of the black hand, dagger and skull and crossbones. Above this was printed the warning, "Leave; your last chance." The police are working on the theory that Bentivazna was followed from New York by a man whom he cut in the face during a quarrel.

ARIZONA LEADS IN COPPER OUTPUT

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 31.—Figures compiled by the board of trade here, supplemented by private telegraphic advices from other parts of the country, make it evident that the Territory of Arizona easily leads all other districts of the world in the production of copper during the year 1907. The total value of the year's output is estimated at \$61,000,000. It is claimed that Arizona leads Michigan by 39,000,000 pounds, and Montana by 61,000,000 pounds. The estimated values are based upon the average price of copper for the year.

GETTING READY FOR FLEET.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31.—Mayor Forward today appointed a committee of a hundred citizens to make arrangements for the entertainment of the battleship fleet of Admiral Evans, when it shall reach this port.

MORE CHARGES AGAINST HAYES

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Thomas G. Hayes, formerly receiving teller of the American National Bank, who was arrested December 21, on a warrant alleging the embezzlement of \$50,000 of the bank's funds, and who was released on \$5000 bail, pending his hearing, was re-arrested today. He is now charged with a violation of the national banking act. The court placed Hayes under an additional bond of \$2500. Hayes continues to protest his innocence.

IN LIQUIDATION.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Petit and Loh Company, Ltd., manufacturers of furniture here, announced that it will go into liquidation. No statement of assets and liabilities has been made.

UNEARTHED A BOMB FACTORY

(By Associated Press.)
SEBASTOPOL, Russia, Dec. 31.—One of the most complete bomb factories ever discovered in Russia has been unearthed at a farm house twenty miles from here. It consisted of a complete apparatus for the manufacture of high explosives. Twenty-seven loaded bombs of the most destructive type and 120 such implements unfinished were seized and three men arrested.

MISSOURI PROPHET SEES BLIZZARD

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—"Look out for blizzards, snow blockades and earthquakes within 70 hours after the sun sets January 3d."
This is the advice of Irl R. Hicks, the weather prophet of this city, who says that a reactionary storm period will mark the opening of the new year, but that shortly after the third day there will be general and heavy winter storms, with prospects of seismic disturbances in many parts of the world. He declares that none need be surprised if one of the greatest cold waves of the winter appears from the northwest between January 3d and January 7th. The regular storm predicted is scheduled from January 10th to 13th, blizzards sweeping over wide areas about January 11th. Then will come two days of growing cloudiness and rain, changing into snow. Dr. Hicks declares that seismic shocks will be reported within 60 hours of January 18th, and more storms will come at that time.

FICKLE FORTUNE FROWNED ON ADLER

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Almost unparalleled misfortunes have been heaped in the short space of one week upon William Adler, one of New Orleans' foremost bankers and a leading wholesale grocer of the south. The arrival of news today that Mr. Adler is a shipwrecked refugee at Belize, British Honduras, added another chapter to a record already long.
One week ago tonight Mr. Adler's resignation as president of the State National Bank shook New Orleans financial circles. Since then the bank has announced that it must go out of business. Mr. Adler's wholesale grocery firm, one of the largest in the South, has gone into the hands of a receiver, a load of groceries consigned to Honduras, which Mr. Adler's friends claimed were one of his last hopes of recouping his fortune, has been lost by shipwreck, and the steamer Alps, carrying both the groceries and Mr. Adler and owned by him, is a total loss by the same wreck. By the merest chance, the insurance policy on the shipload of groceries was rendered worthless by failure of premium payment.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF PLOT TO ROB

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Laura McArthur, in whose apartment Chester B. Runyan, teller of the Windsor Trust Company, concealed himself after making away with \$96,000 of the company's funds, has brought suit against the trust company for \$7950, which she claims is due her as a reward for delivering up the defaulting teller. Against this action the trust company has brought suit to recover \$25,000 from her, alleging that she and Runyan were in a conspiracy to rob the institution, and that this \$25,000 was lavished upon her by Runyan.

GOTHAM'S GREAT SUBWAY.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Public Service Commission has approved the preliminary plans for the new subway, extending from the Battery to Broad Bronx in very nearly a straight line. The estimated cost is \$60,000,000.

WON'T THIS BE AWFUL

SALOONS IN FIFTY COUNTIES CLOSE PERMANENTLY IN ALABAMA.

(By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 31.—With shrill shrieks of hundreds of whistles of industrial Birmingham, announcing the advent of the new year, every saloon in the city closes its doors sine die. To night was the time set for prohibition to go into effect in those counties of Alabama in which local option elections have been held during the year. Fifty counties in the State closed the doors of the saloons permanently tonight. This leaves seventeen counties in the State in which liquor can be sold for another year. One year from tonight the entire State becomes prohibition by statutory act. The remarkable feature of the last day under the liquor regime is the fact that there was less drunkenness noted than for many months.

WAGES IN THE NAVY YARDS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Assistant Secretary Newberry today approved the reports of the wage boards at navy yards of the United States, fixing the rate for mechanics other than employees for the calendar year 1908. With the exception of the work in some of the insular possessions, the scale of wages will remain practically the same as during the present year.

DOOM OF THE FIRST DOUMA

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—The trial of 169 members of the first Douma, who signed the Viborg manifesto, was concluded today. One hundred and sixty-seven of them were convicted and sentenced to three months imprisonment, while two were acquitted on the ground that they had signed under misapprehension. The sentence carries with it the loss of all political rights.

SEEK CONTROL OF RICH ESTATE

DENVER, Dec. 31.—Sensational developments are promised here in settling the estate of Mrs. Alice Maud Bonfield, a wealthy English woman, who died in a hospital here Saturday. She owned the Excelsior mine in Nevada and her estate is said to be worth \$500,000. Her first husband, H. S. Hartley, was murdered at the mine, which he owned when she married him. Her second husband was an Englishman named Bonfield, and they resided in London until his death.
Edward Cavanaugh, a brother-in-law, recently came to Denver from England and was with her during her illness. Now a niece of the dead woman, Mrs. Gertrude Hill, is here to look after the estate and charges Cavanaugh with designs upon her aunt's estate. The matter will probably be threshed out in American and English courts.

FRAUD IS CHARGED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Receivers for the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway Company and allied corporations was appointed tonight by Judge Tuthill in the Cook County Circuit Court, on a petition filed by Charles Monahan, a stockholder. Monahan charges fraud in the management of the properties, whereby A. C. Frost, president of the railroad company, is alleged to have gained control.